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The office has not been advised of the action taken upon said recommendation.

It is, however, presumed that the medals have been prepared and transmitted to the Treasury Department, and as others are required for distribution in addition to the thirteen herein referred to for the Yuklons, I respectfully recommend that the Honorable the Secretary of the Treasury, be requested to transfer 25 to this Department.

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